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City of Santa Barbara
Waterfront Department

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8:00 a.m. to noon
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Free Summer Movies on Stearns Wharf

Bring out the family for this summer's free movies featuring adventure tales and romantic comedies. All movies begin at dusk on the seaward finger of Stearns Wharf, near Santa Barbara Shellfish. Join us under the stars for this season's remaining lineup:

- August 31 – Shark Tale
- September 7 – Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
- September 14 – Overboard
- September 21 – Zookeeper

Dress warmly and bring blankets and beach chairs. Popcorn and movie snacks will be available for purchase. Parking on the wharf is free after 7 p.m.

Visit www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WharfMovies for more information.

Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and Fee Changes

Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director

Last year, a sluggish economy negatively affected Waterfront Department revenues, particularly slip transfer fees and visitor slip rentals. An unusually cold and foggy summer also put a damper on parking revenue. As a result, the Department did not achieve its revenue expectations for the first time in many years.

Fortunately, Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012) is looking better. The Department continues to maintain 100% occupancy in slip and lease rentals. Stearns Wharf and the harbor remain popular visitor destinations, and tenant sales and percentage rents, as well as parking fee revenue, are showing signs of improvement compared to last year.

Next year (Fiscal Year 2013) the Department expects to fund \$3.7 million in Capital Improvement Projects, including sidewalk and parking lot repairs, Stearns Wharf pile and timber repairs and repairs to the breakwater, marinas and launch ramp. The Department will continue drawing funds from a 4.5% interest Department of Boating and Waterways loan to fund Marina 1 reconstruction. Replacement of "L" and "M" fingers is scheduled to begin this fall.

As in prior years, fee increases will be necessary to complete these projects, maintain the harbor and Wharf and keep the Department's emergency and construction reserves at required levels.

Fee increases proposed for July 1, 2012:

- 2% slip fee increase
- \$25 per foot slip transfer fee increase (not applicable to 20-foot slips)

Waterfront staff reviewed the proposed FY 2013 budget, including the proposed fee increases, with the Harbor Commission in February and March 2012. City Council reviewed the Waterfront Department's proposed budget at a May 2nd work session and the Council adopted the City's overall FY 2013 budget June 19th. If you're interested in these budget issues, please check the City's website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Click on Boards and Commissions/Harbor Commission/City Meetings & Videos Online for a streaming video recording of the February 16th and March 15th Harbor Commission meetings.





New Waterfront Business Manager Brian Bosse

Brian Bosse has joined the Waterfront Department's Management team as the new Waterfront Business Manager. Brian has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Studies and has worked for the City of Santa Barbara for over 12 years. Prior to joining the Waterfront Department, Brian was the Housing and Redevelopment Manager where, among other responsibilities, he oversaw development and implementation of the Redevelopment Agency's \$20 million annual budget, capital program, and the affordable housing program. At the Waterfront he will have responsibility for all functions of the Department's Business Division including parking operations, property management and leasing. Brian will also work closely with the Waterfront Director in developing and implementing the Department's budget. Please welcome Brian aboard when you see him around the Waterfront.

Clean Marina Corner

Operation Clean Sweep Recap

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Over 40 volunteers hit the docks and entered the water for the 6th annual Operation Clean Sweep on May 5th, removing 3,200 pounds of seafloor junk from beneath fingers "E" through "H" in Marina One. That brings the project total to 21,200 pounds, with four years to go in the first "circumnavigation" of the harbor seafloor. This year's haul included crab receivers, pipes, lines, boat rigging and tools, plus two skiffs, an outboard motor, a dock cart, a shopping cart and five marine batteries. Volunteers from NOAA, SB ChannelKeeper, SB Surfrider Foundation, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, the Harbor Commission and community at large partnered with harbor dive-service companies for the debris-removal effort. Staff wishes to thank all the volunteers for their spirit and energy devoted to this Clean Marina project. We look forward to a similar "fishing trip" next spring.



Marborg donated a roll-off dumpster and volunteers helped fill it.

ON THE ALLEY

The "old" Minnow Café has reopened with a new moniker and a new décor.

"On The Alley" features a beautiful design by local architect Dawn Sherry, who worked closely with its owners, the Bennett Family, which also owns Brophy Bros. Restaurant. The new restaurant includes an open interior and plenty of windows to allow natural light into the premises. The menu includes some old favorites: breakfast burritos, hamburgers, fish tacos and PB&J (peanut butter & jelly). For breakfast, try deep fried waffle fries, smoothies, yogurt parfait, coffee crumb cake, and almond or blueberry bread pudding. If you need a shot of espresso, they have that too. For lunch, enjoy a chorizo burger, Brophy's Fish & Chips, Brophy's Clam Chowder, homemade potato chips, or the Alley Dog: a hot dog wrapped in bacon, deep fried, topped with pepper relish and coleslaw. Wash it down with one of their on-tap beers: Firestone Pale Ale or Firestone 805 Blond Ale. And for dessert, enjoy soft serve vanilla ice cream that the server can sweeten with a drizzle of caramel or chocolate sauce. All these and more are available seven days a week at On the Alley restaurant, located between Blue Water Hunter dive shop and Transpac Marine at 117 Harbor Way.

Boating Trails Launch Ramp Project Complete

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

There are lots of ways to get exercise, and arguably some of the most fun are on the water. A few hours on a kayak, SUP, outrigger canoe or sailing dingy will leave you feeling fit and refreshed.

Fifty years after it was first built, the east end of the launch ramp has been reconstructed and is ready for just this type of action. All the broken concrete and uneven surfaces are gone, replaced by new concrete panels with a non-skid "V" groove surface that provides some traction but is a little easier on the feet. Fiberglass docks were installed with about 6 inches of freeboard, allowing easy boarding of SUPs, kayaks, small outrigger canoes and sailing dinghies. This design was copied from several aquatic centers in southern California that cater to non-motorized boats. The Waterfront's oldest youth sailing organization, Sea Shells, was first to put the new ramp to the test when their sailing season began in early May.

The project was funded by a \$450,000 grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways' Boating Trails Program and was designed specifically for people-powered watercraft. Waterfront staff will monitor use of this facility and may install bollards or signage to separate larger motorized vessels from the non-motorized, if necessary. Meanwhile, the exercise minded boater will have a little easier time getting on the water.



Video image courtesy of Paul Noury

Anyone Can Lead A Horse to Water, But Few Can Tow One to Shore

Ryan Kelly, Harbor Patrol Officer

At about 6:40 p.m. on May 15th, I was dispatched on Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol *Rescue Boat #1* to Summerland Beach (Loon Point), approximately five miles east of Santa Barbara Harbor, to assist Carpinteria-Summerland Fire and State Parks with a water rescue of a "show horse." The six-year-old Arabian named "Heir of Temptation," but commonly called "William," was spooked during a photo shoot on the beach, bucked off his rider, and swam out to sea. Eventually, William swam so far, witnesses on the beach lost sight of him and called 9-1-1.

I arrived on scene less than two hours before sunset. I coordinated with Carpinteria Fire Incident Command (on the beach) to determine a search pattern and pick up Firefighter-Paramedic Johan Nilsson and State Lifeguard Kevin Escalante. Carpinteria Fire launched their *PWC* (personal water craft) and we began to search the area. A Search and Rescue helicopter was also dispatched to assist, but was later cancelled after the *PWC* operator Han Domini located the horse, exhausted and treading water about 2.5 miles offshore.

With limited experience in rescuing 1,200-pound horses at sea, we tried several methods to get the horse alongside *PB#1*. We finally rigged a support harness from a tow line, secured it to William's saddle and some cleats on *PB#1*. I slowly towed him at 1-2 mph alongside *PB#1* toward the beach, while Johan and Kevin held his head above water with the help of a rescue buoy (you can see wrapped around his neck in the picture). It took about two hours in the 58° water to get William close enough to shore for firefighter Nilsson and lifeguard Escalante to swim the animal through the surf line with their paddle boards. A veterinarian waiting on the beach treated William, who recovered fully from the ordeal.

Although William didn't demonstrate much "horse-sense," this unusual rescue was a success, partly due to the ingenuity of all persons involved, as well as the horse's natural ability to swim.

Stearns Wharf Fish-Cleaning Station Gets a Face Lift

One of the oldest recreational pastimes in Santa Barbara is fishing off Stearns Wharf. While fishing might sometime outdo catching, casting a line off the Wharf is still a blast. The bait shop at the end of the Wharf has been around for decades, providing poles, nets, bait, and everything you need to catch mackerel, halibut, perch and more. Unfortunately, local sea birds like fish as much as we do, and more than one fisherman has caught a pelican instead of a mackerel.

Some seabird/human interactions occur at the fish cleaning station on the west side of the Wharf, out near the end of "Plank Park." Fish guts and bait are irresistible to pelicans and seagulls, so it's important for fisherman to clean up after themselves after cleaning their catch, preventing seabirds from getting hooked.

Waterfront staff recently rebuilt the fish cleaning station to help make sure fish guts drain into the ocean through a 4"-diameter PVC tube that terminates just above the waterline. Despite these efforts, a few clever seabirds might still wind up with a beak full of bait with a hook in it. If you ever observe any seabird with a hook in its mouth or tangled up in fishing line, please call Harbor Patrol at 564-5530 and they'll do what they can to help them out.



New Patrol Officer Billy Larsen

Billy Larsen joined the Waterfront Department as a Harbor Patrol Officer on June 18th. He replaces Billy Petrini, who is moving his family to Montana.

Billy Larsen served three years as Harbor Patrol "Crew," two years as a Wildland Firefighter, six years as a Fisheries Biologist Aide and Fisheries Technician and eleven summer seasons as a beach lifeguard, lead lifeguard and junior lifeguard instructor. Billy received the prestigious "Medal of Valor" from the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) and reached the rank of "Eagle Scout" in his youth.

Billy's resume includes a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from UCSB, an Associate's Degree from Cuesta College, Firefighter 1 Academy (584 hours), numerous fire technology classes, Emergency Medical Technician/CPR/AED certification and a Coast Guard license for operating passenger carrying vessels, with a commercial-assistance towing endorsement.

Billy's personal interests include backpacking, surfing, reading, spearfishing, photography and protecting the environment. His calm temperament, outgoing personality, strong work ethic and responsible character are traits that assure the best possible public service.

Please join the Department in welcoming Billy to his new position.

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Attention Boaters: Free Oil-Absorbent Bilge Pads

Help prevent bilge-oil leaks, discharges and spills in the harbor. Stop by the Harbormaster's Office and pick up your free oil-absorbent bilge pads funded by a grant from CalRecycle.

Got Used Oil? Find a certified Used Oil Recycling Center* nearest you. A list of Recycling Center locations are also available at the Harbormaster's Office.

To: 

* For a complete list of certified used oil collection center hours of operation, and types of materials collected, visit

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/certcenters/

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New Parking Lot Self-Pay Stations – Efficiency Pays

Cesar Barrios, Waterfront Parking Supervisor

The Chase Palm Park and Garden Street parking lots provide parking for people headed to East Beach, Stearns Wharf and Skaters Point. Summer weather brings out the masses ready to enjoy all the Waterfront has to offer and these lots get busy early and often. Unfortunately, patrons need remarkable dexterity (and patience) to fold dollar bills and stuff them into small slots in the lots' Honor Fee parking boxes. Staff spends lots of time removing, unfolding, and counting these dollar bills one by one.

Last year, self-pay stations that accept credit cards or cash were installed in the Harbor West parking lot. Not only do the stations make it easier for people parking in the lot, but staff time needed

to remove, unfold, and count money has been reduced significantly.

New self-pay stations were recently installed at Chase Palm Park and Garden Street lots. Although both lots support staffed kiosks, we expect the new self-pay systems will provide the same efficiencies realized at the Harbor West lot, so these kiosks may not be staffed in the future. At the Harbor West lot, revenue has increased, due to the ease of paying (no more time spent folding dollar bills), reduced staff time for collections, plus an increased use of credit cards—an option not available with Honor Fee Boxes.

So spread the word. Parking in Harbor West, Garden Street and Chase Palm Park is easier and more convenient than ever.

2012 Event Schedule

Event July 4 Independence Day

Free Concerts in the Park Series:

www.SBParksAndRecreation.com

July 5 Doo-Wah Riders
July 12 Capt. Cardiac & the Coronaries
July 19 Hot Club Sandwich
July 26 Upstream
Aug. 9 Summer of Rock!
Aug. 18 Sgt. Pepper

Free Friday Night Wharf Movies:

www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WharfMovies

Aug. 31 Shark Tale
Sept. 7 Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
Sept. 14 Overboard
Sept. 21 Zookeeper

Event Oct. 13 Harbor & Seafood Festival

Event Dec. 9 Parade of Lights

2012 Harbor Commission Meeting Schedule

January 19	July 19
February 16	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

Harbor Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers